WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Schemes submitted by the West Bengal Government for approval

*144. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) The details of the schemes submitted by the West Bengal Government to the Planning Commission for approval; and

(b) by when the schemes are proposed to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTARY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) No Scheme/Project submitted by West Bengal Government for investment approval is pending in Planning Commission.

Investment and Production by Foreign Drug Companies

*147. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of drug companies operating in India which have more than 26 per cent foreign equity;

(b) whether it is a fact that none of these companies has made any new investment despite the fact that the profitability has gone up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of bulk drugs of these companies has declined and imports have gone up during this period;

(d) if so, what was the production of each drug of each company and imports during this period, yearwise; and

(e) what was the equity capital and reserves during 1990-91 and 1991-92 of each company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The names of drug companies having foreign equity of more than 26%, operating in India, are given at Statement-I. (*See below*).

(b) The position for the period between 1990 and 1992 has been examined for this purpose. As per the available information, profitability of the companies has increased only marginally or has decreased, and in this period, industrial licences to the tune of about Rs. 37 crores and letters of intent/registrations with investment indications of about Rs. 67 crores have been given to these companies.

(c) and (d) Companywise production of all drugs is not being monitored in this Department. However, production of monitored bulk drugs by these companies, to the extent available, is given at Statement-II, which shows that while there is a decline in production of some companies in respect of a few drugs, the production of other drugs has increased. (*See below*) Companywise imports of individual bulk drugs are not being monitored.

(e) Information to the extent available is given at Statement-III.